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Grant's Last Stand

Grant's Last Stand on Saturday, June 3 was a smashing victory for the event which marked the two year closure that will make way for a remodeled school that will carry the glorious traditions for another hundred years or more.

The day began with a ceremonial groundbreaking on the front lawn that was attended by numerous officials and dignitaries from the school district, the city and county, the school administration, and a host of enthusiastic onlookers surrounding the bulldozer, the pile of dirt, and a plethora of news and television cameras. The alumni assn's past president **Jack Cain '61** noted our sponsorship of the day's events, and was followed by many speakers, including **Deborah Kafoury '85**, Multnomah County Chair and a Grant grad herself.

Although the open house was scheduled for 10:30, by 9:15 many enthusiastic visitors had already flooded Center Hall where registration tables accommodated visitors. All were greeted at the doors by current GHS cheerleaders who pointed them to open rooms and the alumni Room 122 where Memoirs were for sale. Special t-shirts marking the occasion, past trophies (too numerous for all to be saved except for those from championships) were available as were DVD's of all the pictures that once lined the hallways.

Center Hall socializing ended for the 12:30 alumni basketball game in the new gym. The game was arranged by **Gerry Spencer '59** and featured numerous former General stars, aligned with either the Blue Grant team or the Gray Grant team. Seated close to the action was **LueAnn Hauser Beck '71**, school nurse who kept the paddles nearby. With incredible shooting, the Grays shot to a big lead which they held through halftime, until the Blues fought back to take a one-point lead late in the game, and trailing by only one point looked to win the game until, with 3 seconds left, a close-in shot was blocked. The Grays won 54-51. The game was great, the crowd was strong and vociferous, free popcorn was offered to each spectator, and the Grant Boosters sold hot dogs.

At game's end, the rooters, and the other visitors for the day, flocked to the auditorium, nearly filling the main floor for the 2:30 program that was designed and choreographed by Bruce McDonald, a former Grant teacher, who had spent the better part of a year planning the event with the Alumni Assn.

The memorable afternoon can only be described as a smashing success, with every speaker, starting with **Judge Robert Jones '45**, captivating the audience with reminisces accompanied by music and continual screen images that captured the spirit and the times being portrayed. The highlight of the program was the appearance of **Queen Frances Hulse Boly '38**, the longest reigning Rose Festival Queen, who spoke of her days to an admiring audience that remained standing throughout her time on stage.

Other presenters were Dr. Carol Campbell GHS principal, **Bob Stayton '61**, **Lauren Ellis '18**, **John Mears '70**, **Doug Capps '61**, **Abby Williams '14**, **Janet Godey Eddy '54**, **Rodger Eddy '47**, **Ian Doescher '95**, **Vin Shambray '01**, **John Keller '52**, **Deborah Kafoury '85**, **Khiarica Rasheed '17**, **Inga Shelton Olson '88**, **Carolyn Woodward Wheatley '61**, **Emily Perry-Tresser '85**, **Tracie Marrs Lynch '73**, **Ron Marrs '68**, **John Eisemann '06**, **Doree Jarboe**, **Jack Cain '61**, **Christi Rollwage Knutson '64**, **Karyl Loback Whelan '61**, and special 4th grade participants **Tre Hoffert**, **Irvington** and **Shea Peterson-Loeb**, Alameda. Not only will both Tre and Shea enter Grant on its 100th anniversary, but Shea's grandmother, **Joanne Bush Loeb '44**, was a Grant Rose Festival Queen.

The hour-plus program was followed by camaraderie in the auditorium and in Center Hall where principal Carol Campbell said fond farewells to the visitors and expressed her debt to the those who had produced the program that so entranced and excited the audience that had reveled in the unique Grant experience that was wrapped in school spirit that will live on when the new Grant High School reopens in September 2019. Grant students will have classes at Marshall High School on SE 91st for the next two years while they anticipate what lies ahead in the new school.

Photos from Grant's Last Stand are posted on the alum website

www.grantalumni.org

Missed the Commemoration program? Watch the video:

<https://youtu.be/wbmcW8529eU>

From the President Bob Stayton, '61



I am honored to have represented Grant Alumni at two significant events in the first week of June 2017 – presenting the alumni scholarship and hosting Grant's Last Stand.

The Grant Alumni Assn. granted our 2017 scholarship to **Maxwell Hatch Terry '17**. You can read about Max on page 6 in this newsletter. This year, due to your donations, we were able to increase the scholarship amount to \$3000. Thank you alumni donors!! It was such a pleasure to meet Max and his family. Max is a solid young man who has already been, and will continue to be, a positive influence on the lives he touches. He chooses his endeavors and invests his abilities to move to successful leadership roles. In addition, Max has demonstrated a wide

breadth of interests, from helping at a Food Bank, to athletics, to grappling with the very fundamentals of our democracy on the Constitution Team. Max is one of many talented and capable 2017 graduates who will carry the Grant tradition of excellence forward.

The Alumni Assn. sponsored the 'Grant's Last Stand' event on Saturday, June 3rd. It was a magical day. Groundbreaking led off in the morning, followed by an alumni Basketball Game organized by **Gerry Spencer '59**, and then the Commemoration Program directed by Bruce McDonald. All the while we were able to roam the halls and remember the good times and growth we experienced at good old Grant High School. It was a touching experience to see old friends, to walk the halls unchanged since 1924, to remember the alums who went on to distinguished athletic, political, entertainment, judicial and business careers, and all those thousands of Grantonians whose lives have added value to the fabric of our community, city, state and country. The remodeled Grant was also previewed and while Grant will occupy the Marshall High School facility for two years, Grant will return in Sept 2019 and the tradition of excellence will continue to flourish in its historic home on NE 36th.

We gained several new Alumni Assn. members at the 'Last Stand' event. If you are not already a member - Please consider joining. More help is always welcome to put on events like the picnic and to publish the newsletter. Membership and or donations can be done thru PayPal on our website.

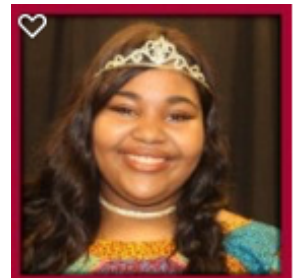
Thanks to **John Hamnett '63** for taking on the alumni website grantalumni.org.

Remember JULY 23rd – THE ANNUAL GRANT ALUMNI PICNIC at Wilshire Park 1:00 to 4:00.

Rose Festival Princess Sade Means

The 2017 Grant Rose Festival Princess **Sade Means '17** has participated in many school activities including Grant Poetry Slam, Youth Basketball, Student Leadership, freshman class mentor, National Honor Society, Black Student Union, and was one of the founders of the Equity Team. She also works part time, is a head coach for a non-profit fourth grade girl's basketball team, and enjoys spending time with friends, playing basketball, and eating sushi.

Sade plans to attend Hampton University for a Sports Marketing degree for a career in marketing or in women's sports.



2017 Constitution Team

Earlier this year Grant's Constitution Team won the state "We the People" competition qualifying the 32 seniors to compete against 55 teams at the national level. Grant won the national title in 2013 and 2015 and returned to Washington D.C. in April to continue the winning tradition taking second place, losing by three points to Maggie Walker School for government.

A highly selective process to determine team membership includes speaking ability, teacher recommendations, interviews with the coaches, and essays.

Hall of Achievement

Three Grantonians - one former student and two teachers – have been named to the school's Hall of Achievement in its fourth year for this special honor. Joining the previous honorees are **Frances Hulse Boly '38** and former teachers Jean Acorn Vancil and Bruce McDonald.



Francis Hulse Boly '38 moved to Portland from Kansas with her family the summer before her senior year arriving in Portland during the Rose Festival parade. Francis, thrilled with the roses and the spectacle, told her father she wanted to participate next year. She found a job at Meier & Frank's where she met **Dorothy Hardin '37** the reigning Rose Festival Queen who befriended Frances and advised her to become involved in any activity at Grant that would give her experience on stage. As Rose Festival Queen, Frances dubbed herself the Dust Bowl Queen. She gave roses from her float to so many along the parade route who said they were also from Kansas, that the floral arch above her was bare by the end of the day. Frances worked as a counselor secretary at both Adams and Madison after the death of her husband. She has lived in the same house on Alameda where she and her husband moved in 1953 and where they reared their six sons. Frances last appeared in Grant's Rose Festival assembly in 1989 before her appearance in Grant's Last Stand before an audience who stood in honor during her entire time on stage.



Jean Acorn Vancil, 1902-1998, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Whitman College, was hired to teach English and develop Grant's choral program. Although she weighed 100 pounds and was scared thinking she was the youngest faculty member, she was determined that youth, size, nor fright would defeat her. In 1935 she attended a master choral workshop inspiring her to be the first Portland high school teacher to incorporate an a cappella program. As the music program grew, her English and drama assignments faded. She was a strong disciplinarian in her effort to teach "manners and morals as well as music" and set high standards and expectations for being in the choir. Former students vividly recall "Tussy Talks" where she introduced the need to shower, comb hair, stand up straight, sparkle while on stage, and respect other's faith which she did by using music from all religions. Her students so admired her that boys would form a chair by crossing their arms to carry her up and down the stairs because of the weakness in her legs due to polio.

In an Oregonian article, Vancil is quoted "There was keen competition for scholarship, respect for the faculty, for the school itself. Not all the years were the same, but the name Grant High School, the memory of students and parents has stayed with me. Those were my golden years. If I had any measure of success it was shared by loyal students who had pride, and by their parents and by the community-coupled with the fact that I was able to create in a school where there was never any interference from the administration." She retired in 1965 after a 37 year career at Grant.



Bruce McDonald, Phi Beta Kappa University of Oregon (is this a requirement for Grant performing arts faculty?) taught Theatre in Portland Public Schools for 18 years, 14 of those at Grant High School. (He was also Activities Director and Community Relations Coordinator at Grant for some of those years.) Craving adventure, he then went abroad for 20 years teaching in Germany, Belgium, Turkey, Brazil, India and Serbia. In every school he worked, he always did the biggest shows that school had ever seen. Not a surprise, considering at Grant he was noted for his mega-musicals. Noteworthy were The Music Man, My Fair Lady, Fiddler on the Roof (the biggest with a cast of 603), and Oliver (a close second with a cast of 600). Now retired and back in Portland, Bruce enjoyed working on the commemoration program for Grant's Last Stand as writer and director. It was entitled "Loyal and True to the Blue and Gray" and was his 224th production.

8th Annual All Alumni Picnic

In the winter of 2010, newly elected board member Jack Cain suggested an all alum picnic to be held annually on the fourth Sunday of July. Attendance grows every year and the event has become a part of many reunions. This year the class of 1987 will be celebrating their 30th reunion that weekend by joining the fun at the picnic. The weather has always cooperated with the same forecast is expected this year. The decade photos are taken around the 2:00 hour and always provide laughter and noise as everyone gets into place. Join us for a fun afternoon, Sunday July 23 from 1:00-4:00. We will have sweet treats but bring your own lunch.

DVD's of the all the photos that were displayed in the halls at Grant will be available for \$5.00, a few remaining limited edition of Grant's Last Stand shirts for \$10.00, and Memoirs for \$1.00. Not attending the picnic? Both can be ordered by contacting grantalumni@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

CLASS OF 1957 – 60TH REUNION

Saturday, September 9, 2017
 Stockpot Broiler; 12:00 - 4:00
 8200 SW Scholls Ferry Rd/Beaverton
 Contact: Diana Enden denden3@comcast.net
 12170 SW 158 Ave Beaverton 97007

CLASS OF 1968 - 50TH REUNION

Saturday, July 21, 2018
 5:30-10:00 pm; McMenimin's Edgefield
 Troutdale
 Contact: Maya Adamovics
 granthigh68@hotmail.com
 Facebook: Grant High Class of 1968

CLASS OF 1977 – 40TH REUNION

Saturday, September 16, 2017
 Crystal Ballroom, 6:00 p.m. - midnight
 Susan Boos: reunion@heritageranch.net
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-grant-high-school-class-of-1977-40th-reunion-tickets-30193356141>
 Facebook: Grant High School Class of 1977

8TH ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC

Sunday, July 23, 2017 1:00 p.m. Wilshire Park
 Bring your lunch - dessert is provided

CLASS of 1987 - 30th Reunion

Saturday, 5:00 - 10:00, July 22, 2017
 German American Society 5626 NE Alameda
 Tickets: <https://ghs1987-30th.eventbrite.com>
 Sunday, July 23, 12:30 pm, Wilshire, Family friendly picnic
 Contact: ghs87alumni@gmail.com
 Facebook: GHS87

CLASS OF 1997 - 20TH REUNION

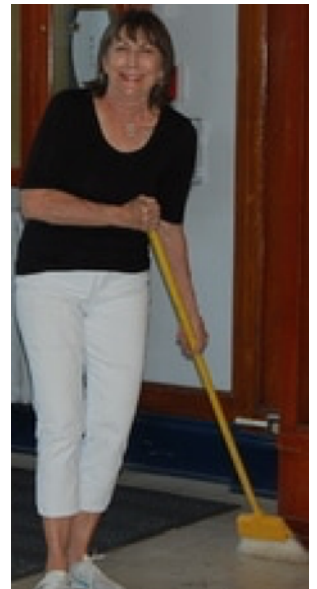
Saturday, July 15, 2017
 Doug Fir Lounge 830 E. Burnside
 Tickets: <http://lesleysacks.eventbee.com/event?eid=102550213>
 Sunday, July 16, 2017, 12:30
 Family friendly picnic at Wilshire
 Contact: Lesley Sacks lesleysacks@gmail.com
 Facebook: Grant High School Class of 1997

9TH ANNUAL PETE MOORE MEMORIAL SCRAMBLE

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
 8:00 am Shotgun, Eastmoreland Golf
 All are welcome
 Contact: Gerry Spencer 503.723.5906
spencerworld@comcast.net
 or 503.723.5906



Future General helping groundbreaking
 Cheer welcoming guests
 Mary Moody Cain '62 sweeping halls
 Sue Suter West '61 greeting alums



Items Missing From Grant's Last Stand

Grant's Last Stand, an event celebrating Grant spirit, left organizers and school staff disappointed, dismayed, shocked...fill in the blanks...to find that some items were missing from the school. The Grant community thanks those who returned items and would appreciate information about any of the remaining team chairs that are still missing from the gym. If you have access to them, they are easy to return anonymously: attach a note Attn: Jamie Hurd and deliver to Grant before July 7th or to Marshall after that date. Thanks!

Grant's Last Stand Volunteers

An event like Grant's Last Stand is only as good as those who volunteer their time and energy and it was the host of volunteers that made the day so special. The alumni board salutes all those who helped.

Invitation/flyer design and mailing

Kathi Stipe Swanson '61

Lona Casey Olson '61

Risa Swanson

Patti McNally

Preparation and/or day of help

Sue Suter West '61

Bill Lake '64

Norma Lizberg Piper '64

Donna Mattson Thompson '64

Kathi Stipe Swanson '61

Mary Moody Cain '62

Lin Zimmerman '64

Lona Casey Olson '61

Bill Karcher '63

Jack Loback '70

Barry Hunt '83

Patricia Soule Zimmerman '64

Rocky Menashe Stilwell '70

Joe Stilwell '70

Ron True '61

Mark Viebrock '71

Marybeth Yerkovich Stiner '64

Paul Ashton '61

Jean Dimick Holler '63

Sara Wiedmaier Gonzalez '75

Elizabeth Whelan Trelstad '90

Clay Kelleher '64

Christine Johnson Tumlinson '90

Colleen White Scholz '63

Tracie Marrs Lynch '73

Rebecca Spencer

Basketball game

Gerry Spencer '59, organizer extraordinaire

Lorraine Brown Pierce '90, National Anthem

John Mears '70, announcer

Karry Cameron, announcer

John Keller '52, referee

LueAnn Hauser Beck '71, nurse

John Stilwell '66, coach

Terrell Brandon '88, coach

Tom McKenna GHS teacher, coach

Ray Tate GHS teacher, scoreboard

Jim Alex, referee

Players

Jessie Minch '08

Jason Beveridge '88

Jerry Stilwell '77

Ray Adams '85

Ian Crary '98

Aaron Dickson '04

Terrelle Bolton '88

Brice Ott '01

Levi Patino '11

Shawn Hosey '88

Debbie Englestad '82

Anya Snyder '10

Ken Willhite '85

Walter Gintz '91

David Shephard '90

Joe McFerrin '87

LaVon Van '86

Robert Reynolds '73

Tony Ross '86

Paul Marrs '87

Special volunteers who did not have the privilege to attend Grant but their children did so we can call them Grantonians by birth and because they exemplify Grant spirit:

Cindy and Don Trelstad (**Andrew Trelstad '90, Aanen Trelstad '93**)

Diane McLean (**Bryan McLean '93, Colin McLean '97**)

Marilyn and Paul Karr (**Ryan Karr '94, Emily Karr '97**)

Carol Turner (**Daniel Turner '91**)

Anne Feeney (**Caitie Feeney '92, Moira Feeney '94, Siobhan Feeney '95**)

Judy Thodos (**Jackie MacDonald '79, Randy MacDonald '81, Jock MacDonald '82, Sophia Ferere '14,**

Xander Ferere '82)

Jackie Alexander (**Joel Siri '79, John Siri '80, Jason '82**)

Phil Braun and Mariana Clark, Grant Boosters, for the hot dog stand

Award winning Grant Magazine

Are you interested in reading a first rate publication? Subscribe to the student run Grant Magazine that has received a Gold Crown from the Columbia Scholastic Press Assn. for three years in a row. The magazine has won other local and national high school journalism awards. There are two versions of the magazine: a 36-page, full-color print edition distributed once a month during the school year; and on the magazine website: <http://grantmagazine.com/subscribe/> Your \$42.00/year subscription will provide Award winning Grant Magazine.

Max Terry '17 invited his sister **Madeleine '12**, brother **Bowen '19** as well as his parents to the scholarship breakfast on June 1. He will attend the U of O Honors College in the fall to study computer science although, his interest in law/politics was piqued after his participation on the Constitution Team. A swimmer, Max decided his sophomore year to create a water polo team. He not only led the team as an MVP but was an example to underclassmen of what one can accomplish. Max had all A's at Grant, at PCC and at Portland State Honors. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Mock Trials, the Model United Nations, the swim team, the Red Cross club (founder and president) and volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank. The alumni association is proud to congratulate Max on an outstanding four years by awarding him a \$3000 scholarship for his education in Eugene.



Additional DVD's of the photos that were displayed in Grant halls have been produced and will be available at the July 23 picnic. Also available will be Grant's Last Stand t-shirts, and a few classroom room numbers.

BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your GRANT HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION “express train” is moving ahead with activities, but where are all of our “passengers”?

The “ticket” for riding the alumni express for one year is only \$20 and brings you two Alumni Newsletters to keep you informed on class reunions, alum gatherings, important school events, athletic achievements of alums, honored status at our annual picnic, a membership card, and your knowledge that you are an important part of an active group.

The All Alumni picnic is always the fourth Sunday of July at Wilshire Park on NE 33rd Avenue. See you at Wilshire, 1pm - 4pm, July 23rd.

We give an annual scholarship, partly paid by dues and partly by special donations. **Max Terry ‘17**, an outstanding, talented young man was awarded the 2017 scholarship that he will use to help with expenses while attending University of Oregon Honors College.

We appreciate the several generous gifts of funds for the scholarship fund as well as the volunteer work by many generous alums. Your board of directors meets monthly and devotes much volunteer time to keep things moving. We work with the Athletic Hall of Fame committee and sponsor our own Hall of Achievement to recognize our heroes and to inspire today’s students.

The assn. will book more projects but we need your participation. Maintaining our goal of modest annual dues is based on a large membership which we don’t yet have. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sending your \$20 dues and enlisting in Grant’s Army. Dues can be paid by mail or on the assn. website www.grantalumni.org. Look for the dues and donations page. We are a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization making your dues and donations fully tax deductible. The association also offers a Lifetime membership for \$250.00 that you might consider.

**Please fill out and enclose the form below with your annual dues and mail to:
US Grant Alumni Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213-0291**

Name(s)_____Maiden name_____Grad Year_____

Address_____

Email_____Phone(s)_____

Enclosed Dues: \$20 Annual dues _____\$30 per couple annual dues _____\$250 Lifetime _____

Enclosed Donation: Scholarship Fund_____Newsletter_____Operating Budget_____

Enlist in Grant’s Army by volunteering to help with the following:

Board position:_____Picnic_____Social Media_____Publicity_____Newsletter_____

Other Interests_____